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Allama Sir Muhammad Iqbal is acknowledged as the foremost Islamic philosopher of the twentieth century. (Allama means great scholar, as one of the greatest poets of the period, and, with Muhammad Ali Jinnah, one of the two men who made the state of Pakistan. Last year we celebrated the centenary of the birth of the politician, Jinnah; this year we celebrate that of Iqbal.) This year we celebrate the British Library has mounted an exhibition which continues until April 2. On display are manuscripts, letters, speeches, personal effects, photographs and early editions and translations. Many of the exhibits have been lent by the government of Pakistan. Iqbal's tomb outside the Badshahi mosque in Lahore is a great focus of popular pilgrimage, and one of the first actions of the government after independence was to found an academy for the study of his teachings.

The theme of the exhibition, echoed in the excellent catalogue by Q. M. Haq and M. T. Waley, is that Iqbal acts as a bridge between East and West at a time when such bridges are much needed. He belongs to the illustrious line of poets, philosophers exemplified by Rumi, Hafiz and Jami in the Islamic tradition and Dante, Milton and Goethe in the European; but in the words of Hermann Hesse, he also 'belongs to three domains of the such: intellect... the world of India, of Islam and of Western thought'.

That Iqbal bestrides East and West there can be no doubt; what is doubtful is the extent to which he can effectively act as a bridge between the two. The larger part of his work is either in Urdu or Persian. Much has been translated into at least one European language, and we are particularly fortunate in fine English translations by Nicholson and Arberry. But his achievement as a whole, even when the great day comes and there is a complete English edition, his imagery will still present problems. There are roses and nightingales, motifs and candles. There are his torical symbols: Abraham and Nimrod, Muhammad and Ayyaz. There is Zarathustra, epitomizing the prophetic spirit. There are folkloric admonitions, their fledglings, dew-drops being absorbed into the ocean and of course eagles. Images of this kind draw an immediate and vital response from Muslims on the Indian subcontinent, but for any Westerner

they are inevitably something of a barrier to understanding. Muslims, on the other hand, acknowledge Iqbal performed between the community of Islamic believers and the modern national state which could only comprise a fragment of it. Thus he provided the essential legitimization of the Islamic republic of Pakistan. But in this sense the bridge he built was not between East and West, but between Islam and a phenomenon which had first grown up in the West.

Moreover, the aspects of Iqbal's work which one senses find the greatest response among Muslims are not those which might strike East to West, but those which mark out the distinctive quality of the East, indeed its superiority. Iqbal is a poet-philosopher of Islamic revival. He reminds Muslims of their past greatness, their greatness in Europe. 'Ween to thy heart's content, O blood-weeping eye', he wrote as he gazed within sight of the grave of Muslim culture. 'The Six Lectures on the Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam', 'seems to stand between the ancient and the modern world', and he does so because with the birth of Islam comes the birth of indecible intellect.

Prophecies are no longer needed; men now have the principle of progress in their hands. It was from the Muslims that Western Christians learned experimental science and from it there followed the Renaissance and modern Western science. Muslims, however, are not to be founded because Westerners have lost the vision of heaven, they go hunting for the pure spirit in the belly. They are bound to destroy themselves, and when they do, they will find the pure spirit in the belly. It is from your first that the glow of life comes and it is your task to create the new world. History is on the side of Islam.

This message strikes powerful chords among people whose pride has been bruised by the West. It is perhaps a diplomatic regard to the West, but it is no less pertinent, as Muslims gain new strength and new confidence in the modern world, to note how he speaks to them of the pride in Islam and his certainty of its eventual superiority.

Francis Robinson

## For the DIY philosopher

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'I have a little more coffee', responds Jean-Paul.  
'What would you have voted for?'  
'I said I wanted more coffee.' 'I think I would have voted for Stevenson.' 'You know these croissants are stale.'

Nat since *Monty Python's* scurrilous intrusions on the home life in Monty Python's of France's weightiest intellectual ménage, have we had insights of this calibre into the kind of breakfast table by two ex-habitués of the *Existentialist*. In 1977 Simone and Jean-Paul were caught up briefly, as they generally are on these occasions, in *Paffaire Croissant*, the extrajudicial from France to West Germany of the *Bouder-Meinhof* gang's lawyer Klaus Cramm; but back in 1952, when the tiny little scene above is to be thought of as only have arisen through the negligent housekeeping of Simone, too round at the *bonjour* to be the time, prodding the bans to see whether they were fresh enough to lead to her courtship. For 1952 was the year for her: as our source has it, Simone's recent book, *The Second Sex*, had been translated into English and is about to be published in America. It is a profound analysis of the status of women.

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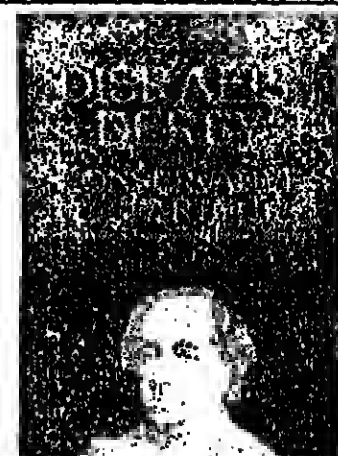


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## The mystical and the military

By Michael Leifer

LEE KHOON CHOY:  
Indonesia: Between Myth and Reality  
222pp. Nile and Mackenzie, £4.95.

DONALD K. EMMERSON:  
Indonesia's Elite  
Political Culture and Cultural Politics  
303pp. Cornell University Press, £10.15.

FRANKLIN B. WEINSTEIN:  
Indonesia Foreign Policy and the Dilemma of Dependence  
From Sukarno to Soeharto  
384pp. Cornell University Press, £14.

The rich cultural diversity of Indonesia finds a measure of expression in its ideas about politics. Certainly of these ideas do not belong to the modern world in the sense that they do not encourage man to seek mastery of his environment. Human fortune is understood in terms of supernatural forces and the attendant need to propitiate spirits by magic and meditation. Indeed, the modern predicament of man and the voice of astrologers and their like are sought by those enjoying the highest offices. It is this junction between culture and politics which lends *Indonesia: Between Myth and Reality* a significance beyond that normally associated with a travelogue.

Its author, Lee Khoon Choy, was until recently the ambassador of Singapore to Jakarta and is now his country's senior minister of state for foreign affairs. In one sense, this cultural excursion is intended as a testament to a successful diplomat's own sense of the quality of tolerance. Indonesian cultural life which has permitted a place within it for those of Chinese origin. In another deeper sense, it provides an insight into that cultural strain—especially strong in Java—which is capable of influencing the process of political decision-making.

## The call for change

By A. M. H. Kirk-Greene

GAVIN WILLIAMS (Editor):  
Nigeria: Economy and Society  
226pp. Rex Collings, £5.25.  
GUY ARNOLD:  
Modern Nigeria  
192pp. Longman, £5.

Perhaps the greatest of the services that *Nigeria: Economy and Society* performs is to bring the concept of political economy into the study of Nigerian politics. If the essay, strike one as uneven, the contributors may take comfort in the knowledge that this accurately reflects the state of the society they are attempting to describe. Gavin Williams' own essay is the longest and the most important in the collection. Nobody who needs to be aware of the "alternative approach" to that adopted in the research and analysis of Nigeria which currently predominates in official and academic circles will wish to overlook it. There is much to be gained, too, from the essay by Beer and Williams on "The Politics of the Modern Nigerian", a topic on which both of them have written widely and well before. But Tseyo's anemic piece is far better read in his original *Conflict and Incorporation* in Nigeria; Dorothy Remy's paper merely repeats its recent (1975) appearance in *Towards an Anthropology of Women*; and neither the book, the authors or the reader would be all that poorer for the omission of the eight-page postscript "Capitalism and the Chnu". This is particularly so when one remembers how personally Terisa Turner and Paul Collins have written elsewhere. Librarians perhaps more than students are likely to be confused by the high level of cannibalization, resulting in a certain air of déjà vu. There is no bibliography, but the footnotes are well worth following up; and are a credit to any editor.

Lee Khoon Choy surveys the cultural variety of Indonesia, including the burial practices of the Toraja people of Sulawesi, the animist underpinning of Batak Christian and Batak Islamic beliefs in Sumatra, Hindu rites in Bali and the essential syncretism of much of Java. Most germane to the interplay of cultural and political ideas is his account of mysticism on that pivotal island, and especially the search for inner harmony which has found expression in the movement known as *Kebarmuan*. This combination of occultism, mysticism, mysticism and other esoteric doctrines is an intrinsic part of the cultural tradition of many of the military figures who rule Indonesia at present. In consequence this engaging and light-hearted introduction to the cultural diversity of the archipelago merits consideration not only by the reader with an eye for the exotic but also by students of politics concerned with the mysteries of decision-making.

Indonesia's Elite is also concerned with the diversity of Indonesia, if much more directly with its politics. While Mr. Lee draws the attention of the reader to the quality of cultural syncretism within Indonesia, Donald K. Emerson provides a systematic and scholarly account of the relationship between cultural and political ideas. He highlights the political conflict arising from the absence of a single great tradition and the gap between nominally Muslim (abangan) and observant Muslim (santri) traditions. His purpose is to assess to what extent an identifiable elite culture exists, and to what extent it is bridged by this gap.

To this end, he has conducted extensive interviews among two sets of respondents, each reflecting alternative visions of state identity. These samples are taken from the bureaucracy, whose apocryphal Javanese outlook flourishes, and from the military, whose Javanese outlook is more representative of cultural variation. The author finds within an entrenched neo-confessional system, in which the dominant and self-confidence are

paralleled by parliamentary imperialism and also Muslim defensiveness. Yet an elite culture does intervene to prevent society from splitting the state. If the nature of that culture is such that it does not fully integrate society.

The body of the book expounds and analyses the alternative and competing political visions of Indonesia, an exceedingly interesting concluding chapter, however, Professor Emerson discusses the experience of management of social conflict by the Suharto administration which, it is claimed, has brought creative resolution in cultural politics. The point of this critique is to highlight the consequences of the dominance of *abangan* tradition whereby politics in the open competitive sense cannot be tolerated because of its alleged disruptive effect. Professor Emerson only hints at his own design for achieving resolution in cultural politics without undermining the limited cohesion of the Indonesian state. None the less, there is evident value in his analysis of the political culture of an elite which represents all social strata as a whole and which is unwilling to entertain such protest on its own terms. There is value also in the argument that if the outcome of a development policy is to widen income differentials and if those who protest of this inequity are denounced as subversive, then the subversion may come to negate respectability and an increasing following.

Franklin Weinstein's *Indonesian Foreign Policy and the Dilemma of Dependence* is about the international dimension of political culture, and seeks to relate elite perceptions to the practice of Indonesian foreign policy since independence. The central theme, which has relevance beyond Indonesia, is how the government of an underdeveloped state faces the dilemma which arises from its essential weakness, especially the inability to mobilize resources on an autonomous basis. Economic aid from overseas is not merely a necessary part of the process of development. Yet the very receipt of such assistance intensifies the sense and fact of dependence which the aid is designed, in theory, to overcome.

Like Emerson, Professor Weinstein relies in great part on extensive interviewing. In this case, of a representative sample of three generations of the so-called foreign policy-making elite. From these interviews emerges a general consensus in outlook towards the outside world, which is preoccupied with hostile and exploitative in the light of Indonesian experience from the onset of national revolution. In spite of this underlying consensus, the practice of Indonesian foreign policy has been marked by considerable change in style and content. This change is explained by Weinstein in terms of the degree of competitiveness within the domestic political system. The contrast between the conservative, paternalistic Sukarno and Suharto are used to demonstrate the extent to which a greater reliance on overseas aid is a function of the absence of serious political competition.

The analysis seeks to explain more than the changing course of Indonesian foreign policy. It makes the point that in underdeveloped states foreign policy is not merely a means of indulging romantic political lusts but an activity through which psychological problems of dependence are met or avoided. Professor Weinstein's analysis of the hypothesis with great skill and force of argument demonstrates a profound knowledge of the sources and practice of Indonesian foreign policy especially its interrelationship with domestic politics. In addition, he displays a sensitive and penetrating understanding of the psychological needs of a people for whom national self-respect is a central consideration.

His concluding comments are similar to those of Professor Emerson, in that he points to a growing sense of disillusionment with the accomplishments of the Suharto administration accompanied by a feeling that foreign aid can no longer be relied upon to bring development. The implication is that radical political change is possible, as a consequence, which may explain the increasing significance of interest in Indonesia in the eyes of a new generation of students of politics. Lee Khoon Choy, in his

## To those that have

By David Pocock

A. D. HIRANANI:  
Social Change in Rural India  
324pp. Delhi: IR Publishing, \$14.

D. B. MITTAL:  
From Hierarchy to Stratification  
224pp. Oxford University Press, £6.25.

Two more books on Indian villages. One must have faith that the accumulation of facts through the years will culminate in a breakdown of the guiding assumptions on which so many of them are based; but it would be refreshing occasionally to learn something about the rest of India—the world of the cities and their suburbs, the life of the communities, for example, or about the more provincial towns which for the vast majority of the population represent the glittering urban ideal. A. D. Hiranani's comparison of two villages in Maharashtra suggests that this call for a widening of the focus is not just a symptom of occupational ennui, but necessary if we are to understand the considerable changes that are occurring in many parts of rural India, and the relative inertia of others.

His book is a snapper and well-documented description of two villages barely four miles apart in which the larger and wealthier, near to the main Aurangabad-Jalgaon highway is clearly beginning to respond to the stimuli of contemporary change in India; while the smaller and poorer village, separated by a long cart-track from its nearest neighbour to the city, affords less evidence of change.

There is much in the social and economic circumstances of the two villages, each taken in isolation, which accounts for the difference. Generally, and this is one of the merits of Mr. Hiranani's book, the author does not try to make a contribution to the theory of development in India.

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By Janice Jiggins

K. M. DE SILVA (Editor):  
Sri Lanka: A Survey  
496pp. Hurst, £12.

Despite competent recent accounts of the development of political and economic life in Sri Lanka, two large gaps remained in the literature: first, an up-to-date economic analysis reviewing planning, policy and the effects of government action (or inaction) and setting domestic economic life within the framework of international trends; and secondly, a comprehensive treatment of general themes in the history, geography, and culture of the island. Both these gaps are admirably filled by this book.

Sri Lanka: A Survey does not pretend to be an original contribution to scholarship, but, by bringing together in one volume published data and analysis over a wide range of topics, it allows the non-specialist reader to gain real insight into the character of the society and to grasp for the first time the range and magnitude of the problems Sri Lanka faces today. For the specialist it is a ready source of information, particularly with regard to events following the 1970 elections. In planning established fact and reasonable analysis side by side (drawing on published but not always easily accessible materials, articles, and government statistics), the contributors have rendered a valuable service.

For those with the energy to read right through the book, rather than using it as a work of reference, the rewards are unexpectedly intriguing. In planning, perhaps unavoidable, repetition is evident and the work loses focus here and there. Each author exercises judgment over a range of sensitive topics from political intervention in the administration to the relations between the various ethnic groups.

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Mr. Miller's *From Hierarchy to Stratification* is... effects on village life... five-year plans and... since, once again, it is... those that have not... second theme of his... my opinion, more... cause it is representative... development in the... of Indian social... of whom... probably the most... Mr. Miller, following... presents a well-reasoned... the primary... "caste system" as... for social phenomena in... does indeed seem that... the general... which was... also has obscured the... the multiple variations... the country in which... "system" has in... effect of this in the... to stunt the study of... Miller has been... the... to make a... contribution to the... of development.

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The contributors... been, on the staff... of Sri Lanka... and the editor... to be... This book... before the recent... ment) as "the... that confronts... to Sri Lanka... to be seen whether... changes in political... and social objectives... by Mrs. Bandula... front, defeated in... elections, will... the United... doubt that the... a period of greater... it has experienced... and that it... book at least... Lanka came to...

## On the Italian model

By Charles Schmitt

GORDON LEFF:  
Disillusion of the Medieval (book)  
An Essay on Intellectual and Spiritual Change in the Fourteenth Century  
154pp. New York University Press, \$7.95.

WALTER ULLMANN:  
Medieval Foundations of Renaissance Humanism  
212pp. Elek, £6.95.

Even though these two books deal with largely the same historical period and focus upon some of the same intellectual problems of the late Middle Ages, the conclusions reached by their authors are remarkably different. For Walter Ullmann something new, enduring and vital was emerging in the fourteenth century to bear even fruit later. Gordon Leff also sees the fourteenth century as being one of profound change, but as a century of dissolution rather than of constructive novelty. Both writers are distinguished medievalists with many impressive publications to their credit. How can they see the same century in such radically different terms? At least a part of the answer can be given in a single word, "Italy".

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All of these factors make it absolutely necessary to give due consideration to Italy when trying to generalize about European intellectual life during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. For in the fifteenth century Renaissance humanism engulfed educational, ethical, aesthetic, linguistic, rhetorical, philosophical aspects, and created its own momentum by creating its own monuments as well as its own crises. Among other things, the interpretation of the Renaissance in the old Burckhardian theme of individualism as one of the prime characteristics of the Renaissance. Although I do not find his argument entirely convincing, Professor

medieval and papal courts, but also... an eye towards other vital centres of continuing intellectual activity such as the universities of Cologne, Cracow, and Prague. Paradoxically perhaps, the writings of a humanist, Verbor, were far more widely read and more influential in late fifteenth-century Europe than were those of his Italian contemporary Marsilio Ficino. As yet we have no tenable synthesis of fifteenth-century intellectual history bringing all of the elements together into a convincing general picture. It is encouraging that the recent International Congress for the History of Science has set up a commission specifically to study the ramifications of the fifteenth-century scientific revolution throughout Europe. From the point of view of the history of science, philosophy and theology it is the least well understood of all centuries since the twelfth.

Owing to their radical differences in attitude towards Italy, Leff can speak about the "dissolution" of the fourteenth century, while Ullmann sees the emerging humanism of the same century in terms of rebirth. Indeed, perhaps the most challenging new point made in Ullmann's book is his attempt to link the origins of humanism with the political rebirth of man in a secular context during the Middle Ages. Several times he compares the rebirth of man as a functioning citizen with political rights with the spiritual rebirth afforded him by baptism. For Ullmann, the substance of humanism "was originally the rebirth of homo and the consequent rehabilitation of the citizen". The burden of his argument is to show that it was from this context, one in which man was taking a more and more active role of political responsibility, that humanism sprang. Once it had arrived "this original sense of Renaissance humanism receded into the background and gave way to a secularized Renaissance humanism. For in the fifteenth century Renaissance humanism engulfed educational, ethical, aesthetic, linguistic, rhetorical, philosophical aspects, and created its own momentum by creating its own monuments as well as its own crises. Among other things, the interpretation of the Renaissance in the old Burckhardian theme of individualism as one of the prime characteristics of the Renaissance. Although I do not find his argument entirely convincing, Professor

While humanism has long been associated with secularism and by contrast with the medieval world, quite effectively it has been a very marked religious element in the movement. Many of the humanists, from the beginnings down to Maffei and the Maurists, put their work and energy into the service of religion rather than to a secular end. It has, I believe, now been adequately demonstrated that a very large number of the fourteenth and fifteenth-century humanists were either members of the various religious orders or educated by them. To say that humanism comes from an increasingly secularized society passes over too many examples of humanism enlisted into the service of God or at least bent to the service of a religious community of some sort.

There was, of course, a very strong this-worldly element to Quattrocento humanism, as can be seen from the immense popularity of "secular" texts from antiquity such as the *Aristotelian Economics* and *Nicomachean Ethics*. But of these works became particularly meaningful for the family-centered life of fifteenth-century Italy, but (especially the *Economics*) were somewhat less relevant to life in a monastic community. Leonardo Bruni's translations of them were remarkably widely distributed, especially among the lay middle classes. On the other hand, one cannot neglect the strong religious overtones of the human-

istic impulse from Petrarch down to sixteenth-century France. If work, exploring the values of civic and family life were popular, so too were classical and patristic works accessible to a more monastic or devotional context. It is now clear, for example, thanks to the recent work of Sister Agnes Clare Way, just how much of an explosion in popularity there was among humanist circles during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries of the works of Gregory Nazianzen, which had been little cultivated in the Middle Ages. Nor was this revival an isolated example.

In the final analysis, I still find it difficult to associate humanism uniquely with an emerging secularism. Humanism, like most, if not all cultural phenomena, must have emerged from an economy having a certain amount of excess wealth and, in this case, from an urban society having a particular set of conditions, including a fairly highly developed, emphasis on language arts. Anyone who has looked at some of the enormous number of humanist manuscripts from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries cannot help being struck by how many main-frames—on scribers, illuminators, and many others involved in book production—and what a large number of animal skins went into making them. From a purely economic point of view the explosion in Quattrocento book production is of impressive proportions, though this phenomenon has been obscured to some degree in the eyes of most later interpreters by the advent of printing, which quickly rendered the old methods obsolete. I think that one must search for clusters of conditions and causes when seeking the roots of major cultural phenomena. Humanism cannot be explained in terms of a single force any more than can what is usually called the "scientific revolution".

In spite of these reservations, I find Ullmann's book unusually stimulating and it is clearly to provoke much debate. It is also noteworthy and highly commendable that a "medievalist" has ventured into a later period, as is so often the case, both in the sciences and the humanities, a highly illuminating hypothesis has been framed by a worker entering the discussion from an adjacent or even radically different field. The Renaissance is far too important a historical period to be left to Renaissance scholars alone.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### AUSTRALIA

Titled Division  
STATE LIBRARY DIVISION  
Library Council of Victoria  
Ministry for the Arts  
\$A9,100-\$A9,621

Position No. A08/20/1043  
DUTIES: Under direction, to undertake the conservation and restoration of the Library's books and manuscripts collections.  
QUALIFICATIONS: Proven ability in the application of conservation and restoration techniques in respect of book and manuscript collections.  
NOTE: Selected applicants to be interviewed in London by arrangement.

Written applications, quoting position number, must reach the Secretary, Public Service Board, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne, 3002, Australia, by no later than 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 1978.

VICTORIAN PUBLIC SERVICE

### Area Librarian

Eastbourne

£5,001-£5,304

(plus up to £4 per week supplement)  
The main purpose of this post is to provide an efficient library service to the Eastbourne area within the County's determined policy and budget and in conjunction with H.Q. specialist staff. Applicants must be Chartered Librarians.

Application forms and further details from Personnel Officer, East Sussex County Library, 44 St. Anne's Crescent, Lewes, Closing date March 31, 1978.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Applications are invited by the Governing Body of the College for the following full-time statutory post which will become vacant in October, 1978.

### Professorship of French

Prior to application, further information (including application procedure) should be obtained from Mr. J. P. MacHale, Secretary and Bursar, University College, Belfield, Dublin 4. Tel. 693244 Ext. 431.

THE LATEST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY, 13th APRIL, 1978.

### County of Cleveland

LEISURE AND AMENITIES DEPARTMENT

### SENIOR ASSISTANT

Schools Library Service £2,680 to £2,778 (including supplement). Applications are invited from persons holding at least the Library Association Part II examination for the post in the Schools Library Service. The successful candidate will assist the Librarian in the operation of the Library which services middle and senior management courses, a graduate course in management studies, and a variety of research activities. The College is situated on a large grounds on the banks of the Thames, two miles from Henley. Salary according to age and experience. Applications by 31st March to: The Deputy Principal, Henley, The Administrative Staff College, Greatwood, Henley-on-Thames, Oxford RG9 3AU. Closing date: 29th March 1978.

### HENLEY

### THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE

Applications are invited from recently qualified Librarians for the post of Deputy Librarian in the College Library. Knowledge of and interest in social science and management literature desirable but not essential. The College is situated on a large grounds on the banks of the Thames, two miles from Henley. Salary according to age and experience. Applications by 31st March to: The Deputy Principal, Henley, The Administrative Staff College, Greatwood, Henley-on-Thames, Oxford RG9 3AU. Closing date: 29th March 1978.

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### NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY LIBRARY

Applications are invited for the following vacancy:—

### TRAINEE LIBRARIAN

based at Scarborough

Applicants should have completed Parts 1 and 2 of the Library Association examinations or the post-graduate degree course in librarianship.

Successful candidates will undertake a variety of practical work experience as part of their training programme. Salary on Trainee Grade £2,127-£2,553 per annum (Bar of £2,523 per annum) plus Phase 1 (£212 per annum) and Phase 2 supplements.

Starting point for possession of the above qualifications £2,277 per annum. Removal expenses and lodging allowances may be payable in approved cases.

Application forms and further particulars available from The County Librarian, North Yorkshire County Library, 21 Grammar School Lane, Northallerton DL6 1DF. Closing date: 29th March 1978.

### CUNNINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

### DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE & RECREATION

### BRANCH LIBRARIAN

Kilburn Branch Library—Post Ref. No. 08/88

Salary Scale, APS £3,474 to £5,825 plus £212 supplement and Phase 2 Award.

Applications are invited from suitably experienced Chartered Librarians for the above post. The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day operations of the library including book selection, stock control, maintenance of audio material and promotion of the service locally. The College is situated on a large grounds on the banks of the Thames, two miles from Henley. Salary according to age and experience. Applications by 31st March to: The Deputy Principal, Henley, The Administrative Staff College, Greatwood, Henley-on-Thames, Oxford RG9 3AU. Closing date: 29th March 1978.

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## Divisional Schools' & Children's Librarian

PO1 (a) £4,880 plus phases 1 and 2 (plus outer fringe allowances of £120 at Grays)

NORTH-EAST ESSEX based at Colchester  
SOUTH-EAST ESSEX based at Grays

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced Librarians for 2 posts of Divisional Schools' and Children's Librarian. A major reorganisation of the County Library Service is in progress which includes an expansion of services to young people and schools. These posts are two of five new posts of Divisional Schools' and Children's Librarian, which have been established.

Successful candidates will be responsible for the management and development of services to young people and schools within their Division under the general direction of the Principal Assistant Librarian (Young People and Education). Further details are available from Mr. Barry Langdon, County Librarian, County Library, Goldway Gardens, Chelmsford, Essex, to whom applications should be sent with the names of two referees by Monday, 3rd April, 1978.

**Essex County Council**

## SENIOR ASSISTANT REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

(REF: A11)

Salary: £5,184-£5,500 p.a. inclusive

Applications are invited from a Chartered Librarian (male or female) with experience of reference and information work for this challenging post in an inner city library service which aims to respond to the needs of the local community. The post holder will be based at Tate Central Library, Brixton, and will be responsible for the administration of the reference and information services. Other duties include dealing with general enquiries and liaising with outside organisations, especially local advice and information centres to ensure an effective service to the community.

For further information and application form telephone 01-731 9801, ext. 60, or 01-731 1931 (24 hour answering service). Direct to the Assistant Services, London Borough of Lambeth, 14 Knights Hill, West Norwood, S.E.27. Closing date 31st March, 1978.

## LAMBETH

## THE BRITISH LIBRARY

Assistant Keeper—  
Printed Books

to carry out senior level library work (including staff management) mainly in the Slavonic and East European field, and have general oversight of the Yugoslav collection.

Candidates (aged at least 20) must have a degree with 1st or 2nd class honours (or equivalent) and extensive knowledge of the history, languages and culture of Eastern European countries, especially Yugoslavia. Some years' experience in a library, academic or similar organisation advantageous.

Starting salary (Inner London) will be within the range £5,380 to £8,065, according to qualifications and experience. Non-contributory pension scheme.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by April 17, 1978) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0250) 68551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref. G(10)382.

## TECHNICAL LIBRARIAN

Catalytic International Inc. occupy an important position in the world-wide field of petrochemical plant contracting.

We require a qualified Librarian to control and improve existing facilities on books, manuals and trade brochures.

The successful applicant will be required to set up and maintain a new process library. Three to four years' experience in a similar position would be an advantage.

As well as the excellent salary, the benefits package is equally impressive: Pension Plan, Free Life Assurance, free membership of Private Patients Plan, L.V.A., Commuter Assistance Scheme and flexible working hours.

For further information telephone Llew Gooding, Personnel Officer or write to her with C.V.

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Tel. 839 4377

National Council of Social Service  
seeks a

## Librarian

with enthusiasm and energy, who is also thoroughly familiar with information storage and retrieval systems, to develop the service provided by the Information Department of the NCSS to staff of the Council and to voluntary organisations at large.

This is a new post. It offers the opportunity to participate as a member of a team in building up the information resources of the Department to meet the varied and interesting concerns of the Council, which is the national representative body of voluntary organisations in this country. The appointee will have personal oversight and responsibility for all aspects of library and information material.

Both a librarianship and a social science qualification are desirable, preferably at graduate level. An interest in voluntary organisations and in the social services and the development of social policy is essential.

Salary according to experience and qualifications in the range £4,313 to £5,020 per annum (under review), plus £13 per annum London weighting. Four weeks' and three days' annual leave; superannuation scheme; subsidised lunches.

Further details and application form from the Administrator, NCSS, 20 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3AU. Telephone: 01-636 4866. Informal enquiries and discussion welcomed—please contact Margaret Lyde (librarian of the Information Department) after March 29 or the above telephone number.

Closing date: April 7, 1978.

## METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT

### CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARIAN

£4,343 to £4,815 Inc.

Responsible for operation of Central Library with issues of over 900,000. Computer charging to be introduced this year. Chartered Librarian with experience of large Lending Library. Experience of computer charging an advantage. To discuss post, telephone Mr. M. K. Farnworth, 061-480 3030.

### CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

£4,343 to £4,815 Inc.

Concerned mainly with services to children from a central and 12 branch libraries. Part of professional team of four led by Head of Services to Children, concerned with all aspects of work with young people through school and public library services. Chartered Librarian with knowledge and experience in work with children. Casual car user's allowance available. To discuss post, telephone Mrs. E. Fidler, 061-458 5425.

Application forms from Personnel Unit, Town Hall, Stockport. Tel. 061-480 4949, ext. 135. Closing date March 30, 1978.

## Somerset

### COUNTY COUNCIL

### County Librarian (£8293-£8881)

This post has become vacant following the retirement of the County Librarian. The Council are looking for a Chartered Librarian with wide professional and managerial experience to organise and be responsible for the management of the library service in Somerset. Further particulars and an application form are available from the Chief Executive, Somerset County Council, County Hall, Taunton, or telephone Taunton 3451, ext. 829/200.

Closing date for completed application forms 27th March, 1978.

## Tameside Metropolitan Borough

### LIBRARIES AND ARTS DEPARTMENT

### RESEARCH LIBRARIAN

AP4/SO2 £3,882 to £5,513 p.a. including supplements

Applicants should have experience of research particularly in the Public Library field and should preferably be Chartered librarians.

The post comes under the direct control of the Chief Librarian and Arts Officer, and the successful applicant will be responsible for research into the present and future needs of the Libraries and Arts Service, development planning, monitoring of the service and the formulation of output proposals.

The Research Librarian is a member of the Departmental Management Team, and is expected to play a significant part in the corporate management of the authority. For informal discussion please contact Mr. T. M. Footthorpe, Chief Librarian and Arts Officer, Tel. 061 330 5590.

Application forms and job description are available from the Chief Personnel Officer, Mersey House, Mersey Way, Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, M9 3JG, ext. 2, to be returned by April 7, 1978.

### Dorset County Council County Library Service

### Assistant Cataloguer

Bibliographical Services Section

Headquarters, Dorchester (Post LB 279)

### Reference Assistant

Landsdowne Library

Bournemouth (East Area) (Post LB 93)

Applicants must have passed the Part I Library Association Examination or equivalent, and preference will be given to those who have passed Library Association Part 2 (Final) Examination or equivalent. Salary for both posts within Librarians' Scale is £2,669 (increments to £3,323 (last) £4,373 (last) of superannuation). The bar is applicable. Application forms, returnable by 31st March, and further details from County Librarian, Colleen Pitt, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ. (Please quote post number LB 93).

### HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY

### INDEXING THESAUROS TEMPORARY POST

The Library wishes to recruit someone for one year to assist in the compilation of a Thesaurus for use in the House of Commons. The post is temporary and will be filled by a person with a wide range of skills in the field of the library. The successful candidate will be responsible for the compilation of the Thesaurus for use in the House of Commons. The post is temporary and will be filled by a person with a wide range of skills in the field of the library. The successful candidate will be responsible for the compilation of the Thesaurus for use in the House of Commons.

The annual salary is £4,887 (under review). Starting date is as soon as possible. The appointment will terminate on 31st March 1979. There will be pension arrangements under the Public Service pension scheme.

Appointment will be made after interview in early April. Further details and application forms, to be returned by March 29, may be obtained from: Recruitment Section, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Telephone: 01-219 3881.

### Warwickshire County Library

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salary supplements

Applications are invited from Chartered Librarians for the above post. Experience in the administration of a large public library is desirable.

Further details can be obtained from the County Librarian, County Library, The Bulls, Warwick CV34 4BS, by sending a stamped addressed envelope. Closing date for applications is 6th April, 1978.

The latest date for receipt of completed applications is 6th April, 1978.

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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

## LIBRARIANS

In Government Departments

There are vacancies in the following Government Departments for Candidates with professional qualifications and some practical experience. Those expecting to obtain professional qualifications in the summer will be considered.

### Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

### Ministry of Defence

OFFICE OPERATIONAL RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT,  
WEST BYFLEET, SURREY  
MILITARY AFFAIRS REFERENCE SERVICE, SALISBURY,  
WILTSHIRE

ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRAWFELL,  
LIMCORNHIRE  
ROYAL ARMY EDUCATION CORPS CENTRE,  
REACONFIELD, RUCKINGHAMSHIRE  
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, GREENWICH  
ROYAL SIGNALS AND INTELLIGENCE ESTABLISHMENT,  
MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE  
LIBRARY, LONDON SW1

### Department of Education and Science

### Department of Employment Group

ADVISORY, CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION  
SERVICE,  
LONDON SW1

### Home Office

MAIN LIBRARY, LONDON SW1

### Departments of Industry, Trade, and Prices and Consumer Protection

CENTRAL LIBRARY NETWORK, LONDON (TWO POSTS)

Further vacancies may arise in these and other departments.

Salary (Inner London), £3,330 to £4,855; between £200 and £455 elsewhere. The bar is applicable. Promotion prospects. Non-contributory pension scheme.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by April 11, 1978) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0250) 68551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref. G(1)824.

### STRANMILLIS COLLEGE, BELFAST

PRINCIPAL: JAMES POMFRET, M.A., B.Sc., B.Ed.  
(Announced Advertisement)

Stranmillis College is wholly concerned with the preparation of men and women for teaching in primary and secondary schools, mainly through B.Ed. Degree courses of 3 and 4 years. There is a three-year Certificate course in three subjects only, and a post-graduate course. The College is non-denominational, there is no religious test. In September next there will be about 920 students.

The College is pleasantly situated in 40 acres of wooded estate of some 45 acres, in a quiet residential neighbourhood on the southern outskirts of the City of Belfast. New building projects to the value of £2 million have been completed in recent years.

### LECTURER OR SENIOR LECTURER IN HANDICRAFT

Applications are invited from graduates with good teaching experience and informed understanding of contemporary attitudes to craft design and technology to teach in the Department of Handicraft, Stranmillis College, Belfast. The successful candidate will be responsible for the teaching of Handicraft to students on the B.Ed. Degree course. A qualification in Applied Science would be an added recommendation, and other areas of expertise would be considered.

Salary scale: £12,795 to £24,417 plus £492 under first two steps of the pay scale, with a further review expected from April 1979. Initial salary according to experience.

Assistance with removal expenses from outside Northern Ireland.

A form of application and further information about the College and the appointment may be obtained from: The Secretary, Stranmillis College, Belfast BT9 5DY.

Applications should be received not later than Friday, April 14, 1978.

Applications should be sent to: The Secretary, Stranmillis College, Belfast BT9 5DY.

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## LIBRARIAN/ INFORMATION ASSISTANT

### INFORMATION DIVISION

The Board is seeking a person with library qualifications and some years experience to join a busy team in a small library/information unit.

The Board Library, operating within the Information Division, provides a current awareness and enquiry service for the Board's staff and a course enquiry service for the Distributive Industry.

The successful candidate will be expected to tackle a wide variety of library tasks. A major part of the job consists of answering enquiries and we are looking for someone with a pleasant personality and a leaning for the public relations implications of the job.

The commencing salary is £5,500 per annum rising to £4,500 per annum. Lunchtime vouchers are provided.

Please write for an application form (Ref: MBF/10/25) to the Personnel Manager, Distributive Industry Training Board, Hadden House, Hadden Road, Hadden, Manchester M20 0PP, within the next SEVEN days.

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